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PRECURSOR PROTEIN AND  
MONOCYTE  
CHEMOATTRACTANT  
PROTEIN AS DIAGNOSTIC AND  
PROGNOSTIC INDICATORS IN  
VASCULAR DISEASES

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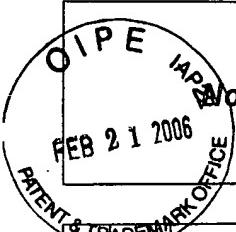
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